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REMARKS

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1. In the fall of 1950, Soviet weapons in use with the Hungarian Army included the model 1938 rifle, model TT pistol, model PP Sh 1941 submachine gun, model DP 1928 light machine gun, model D Sh K 12.7-mm heavy machine gun, model ZIS 3 field gun, a 76.2-mm AT gun which differed from the field gun in its elevating and traversing mechanism and by a twin shield, model 1943 82-mm mortar and model 1943 120-mm mortar. All the weapons had the Hungarian type designation M 48. *
2. Except for the model M 48 rifle, sources saw only weapons of Soviet make prior to the fall of 1950. About that date some M 48 rifles of Hungarian make were seen for the first time on the occasion of a national shooting competition of the Hungarian Armed Forces. These rifles were stamped with the coat of arms of the Hungarian Republic and 1950 above the bolt and "Budapest magyar gépgyár" (Hungarian Machine Factory) on the left side of the bolt. **

25X1A * [redacted] Comment. The designation M 48 probably indicates the year when the weapons concerned were introduced into the Hungarian Army.

25X1A ** [redacted] Comment. It is assumed that a large number of standard weapons based on Soviet models are now manufactured in Hungarian arms factories.

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